

Music and Image

What You Will Be Able to Do When You Finish This Center:

- Describe how music inspires or deepens images, feelings, and writing ideas
- Use paint to capture the images, feelings, and ideas that come to mind while listening to music
- Reflect on how the work that you do in this center might make your writing better

DIRECTIONS

- Using your own iPod or one of those provided here, explore the playlists to find songs that are interesting to you.
- Choose one song and listen to it all the through while you sit quietly and do nothing else. Pay attention to the images, feelings, and thoughts that come to mind.
- Replay the song again. This time, use the paints provided to capture the feelings, images, or thoughts that the music is bringing up for you. Your work can be very abstract and messy.
- Spend some time writing about the reflective prompts in your notebook.

Reflective Prompts

What was enjoyable about this activity?

What was uncomfortable for you?

What effect did the music have on your
thinking?

What effect did the painting have on your
thinking?

How will the work you did in this center
change your work as a writer?

In what other ways could you use painting
and music to write?

Monster Inventory

1. What is your monster's name?

2. Where does your monster live?
3. Who are your monster's relatives?
4. What does your monster like to eat or drink?
5. What does your monster wish for most?
6. What is your monster's greatest fear?
7. What natural event could your monster be responsible for?

The answer is **El Niño** (Spanish for "the child"), which is a big pool of warm water that forms in the Pacific Ocean. El Niño happens once every four to ten winters when strong winds blowing from the northeast push lots of warm Pacific Ocean water together. The water then generates warm air that is whipped into the atmosphere. When the winds stop blowing, the

big pool of warm water starts to drift east. El Niño can contribute to flood conditions across North and South America.